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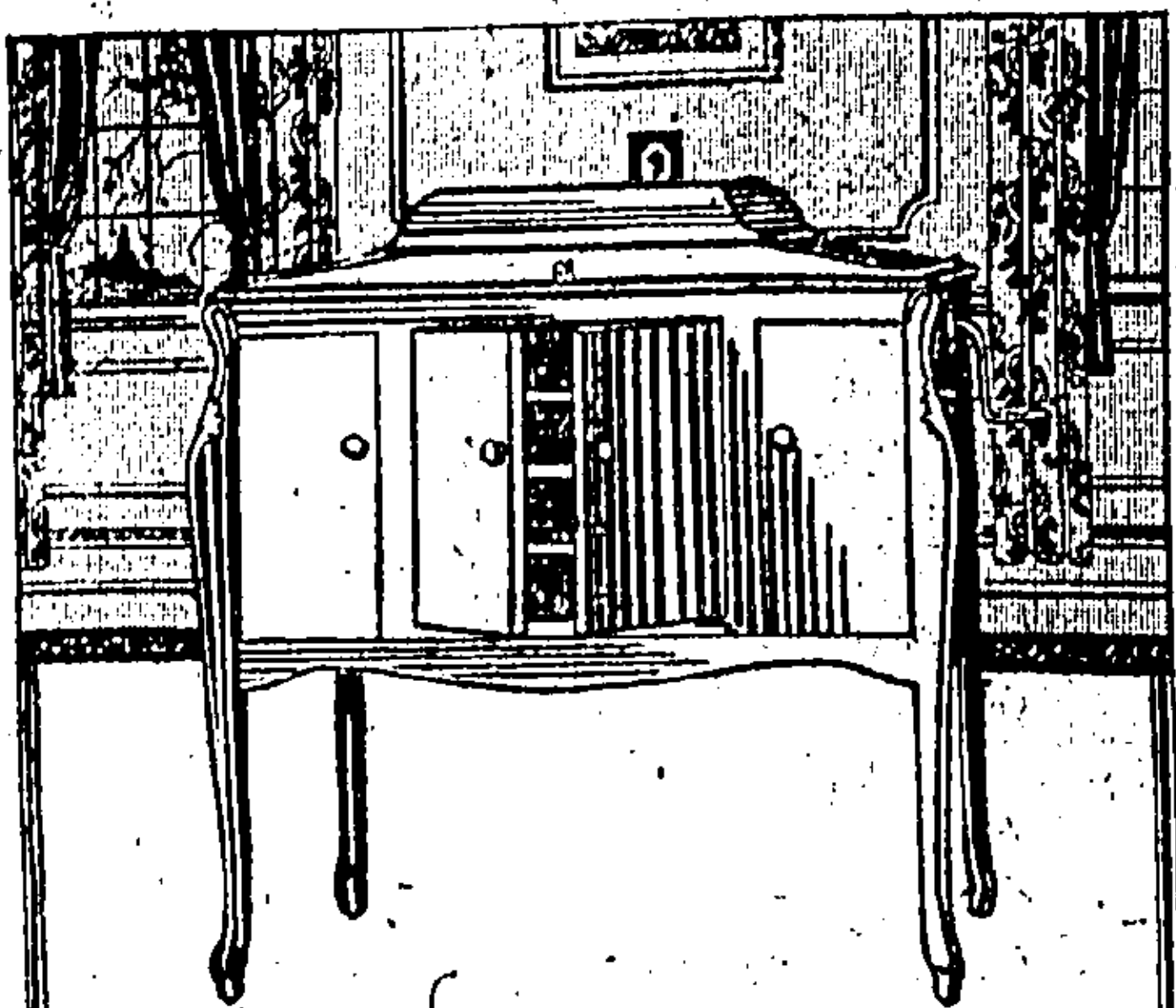


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### KING VISITS POPE.

PICTURESQUE VATICAN CEREMONY.

PORTRAITS EXCHANGED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

ROME, May 9.

The British King and Queen were ovated when visiting the Vatican. They had a quarter of an hour



in audience alone with the Pope, with whom they exchanged portraits.

Crowds thronging the streets, windows, balconies, and roofs very heartily cheered and waved hats, parasols, and handkerchiefs. They shouted "Viva Inghilterra!"

There was a picturesque scene at the gate of the Vatican. The Italian Carabinieri on one side and the Papal Swiss Guard on the other rendered military honours.

The Grand Master of the Holy Hospice, in sixteenth century costume, velvet doublet and ruff, opened the door of the royal motor car. The Papal Major-domo welcomed the King and Queen from the staircase and the great officials of the Papal Court escorted them to the audience chamber.

Subsequently Cardinal Gasparri called at the Petrizi Palace and lunched with their Majesties and Roman aristocrats connected with the Papal Court.

### POPE GRATIFIED.

ROME, May 9.

From the Vatican a statement has been issued that the Pope greatly appreciated the visit of the British King and Queen. He was gratified at their cordiality and hoped the meeting would cement the good relations between Britain and the Holy See and contribute to a satisfactory solution of the religious problems existing between them.

### WHAT IT COSTS.

FRANCE'S HUGE RUHR ESTIMATES.

TAXPAYERS' BURDEN.

PARIS, May 9.

The special Ruhr estimates covering January and May inclusive are shortly being presented in the Chamber of Deputies. They amount to 231,000,000 francs, of which 97,000,000 are for military expenditure and 133,000,000 for civil.

### LINERS' LIQUOR.

REPRISALS AGAINST AMERICA'S RULING.

COMMONS AMUSED.

LONDON, May 9.

An amusing counterblast to the recent American liquor ruling has been provided by the House of Commons by 184 votes to 128 allowing the introduction of a bill promoted by Colonel Courthope providing that all passenger ships in British waters must carry a reasonable quantity of liquor. He declared he did not wish to interfere or criticise the domestic concerns of other countries, but when one of them threatened to impose her domestic restrictions on the world's ocean-going traffic on the high seas it was time for the British Parliament to act. (Ministerial cheers.)

Commander Kenworthy declared that the bill, if regarded seriously in America, would be taken as a very childish and foolish attempt at reprisals. The bill would enable the rich to get drunk within the three mile limit but it would not help the poor thirsty emigrant to drown his sorrows. (Labour cheers.)

[The United States Supreme Court has ruled that foreign and American steamships are prohibited from bringing into American ports intoxicating liquors under seal intended for the use of passengers on the outward voyages.]

### RIGID TERMS.

CHOICE BEFORE IRISH REBEL LEADER.

OVERTURES REFUSED.

LONDON, May 9.

Mr. Cosgrave, Premier of the Irish Free State, announced in the Dail that the Government had come into contact with de Valera through Irish mediators and had offered terms in which de Valera had refused to agree, submitting a long-winded document which was incapable of consideration. The Government had replied by offering to entertain further communications except a definite acceptance of the terms.

### KNOTTY PROBLEM.

APPEAL COURT'S IRISH RULING.

GOVERNMENT'S PREDICAMENT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 10.

The Government will appeal to the House of Lords against the Appeal Court's judgment in the case of Art O'Brien.

[The Appeal Court made the rule absolute for the writ of Habeas Corpus applied for by Art O'Brien, leader of the Irish Self-Determination League, who was arrested in the Big March roundup. The Court based its decision on the ground that the Home Secretary was not empowered to order the internment of a person in the Irish Free State since the establishment of the latter.]

### JUDGE'S REBUKE.

LONDON, May 9.

The Appeal Court's decision in the case of Art O'Brien has caused a sensation, as it governs cases of all deportees and confronts the Home Secretary, if the judgment is upheld in the House of Lords, with a knotty problem, whether the British Government has lost control over the internees and can bring them back.

Mr. Justice Bankes, giving judgment, deprecated the practice of legislating by order in Council as leading to difficulties and dangers of which the present case was an illustration.

### COMMONS QUESTION.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour leader, raised the matter in the House of Commons.

The Attorney-General (Sir D. M. Hogg) said an application would be made in the House of Lords to-morrow, that the Government appeal be heard on Monday. Meanwhile it was improper for him to discuss the matter.

### CONSTITUTIONAL ASPECT.

Among the questions raised by the O'Brien case is the constitutional relationship of the Irish Free State to the Imperial Government.

The capacity of the Home Secretary to produce O'Brien in the event of the House of Lords upholding the judgment, appears to rest on the Free State's execution of the bargain with the Imperial Government which apparently cannot be enforced legally. It is asserted that if the Home Secretary fails to produce O'Brien when called on, he and others concerned in the arrest and deportation are liable to serious penalties, but in this event the Government would probably introduce a bill to indemnify Mr. Bridgeman.

### BRITAIN'S AIR DEFENCE.

CONSIDERABLE INCREASE PROMISED.

ONE POWER STANDARD.

LONDON, May 9.

A considerable increase in the British Air Force was promised by Lord Salisbury, Leader of the House of Lords, replying to a motion by Lord Birkenhead demanding the one-power standard. Lord Salisbury stated that an increase in the squadrons had already been sanctioned and would be pushed on as rapidly as possible pending the report of the special committee which was expediting its labours.

In the meantime the Cabinet was convinced of the necessity for a considerable increase which the Government would do its best to supply.

### HOME GOLF TOURNEY.

AMATEURS COMPETE.

DEAL, May 9.

At the conclusion of the third round, the field was reduced to 32 players, including the Americans Quinnet, Royn, Neville and Willing.

The Americans Marston and Wright were beaten respectively by Tolley (3-2) and Humphries (3-2).

Douglas Grant (Royal St. George's) beat the holder, Holderness 2-1. Wethered conquered the Romfordian Murray 2-1. Michael Scott and Layton were eliminated.

A feature of the third round of the ladies' championship at Burnham, Somerset, was the defeat of the last remaining American, Miss Cummings, by Miss Wickenden 5-4.

Miss Wethered, the holder, is showing remarkable form.

### BIG NAVAL BASE PROJECT.

EXPERT ADVICE BEING SOUGHT.

LONDON, May 9.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Darbishire (former Singapore resident) Mr. McNeill, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs said it was intended to obtain the opinion of one or more eminent civil engineers on the proposed new naval base at Singapore but definite arrangements had not yet been made.

### AGAINST COMBINES.

OTTAWA, May 9.

With a record majority of 117, votes the House of Commons passed the second reading of the anti-combines bill.

(Other news cables will be found on Page 4)

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## INTIMATIONS.

## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, UNION BUILDING, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 26th May, 1923, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Account to 31st December, 1922, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 11th May to 25th May, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board, PAUL LAUDER, Acting General Manager, Hongkong, May 4, 1923.

## BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, UNION BUILDING, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 26th May, 1923, at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Account to 31st December, 1922, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 11th May to 25th May, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board, PAUL LAUDER, Acting General Manager, Hongkong, May 4, 1923.

## THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, UNION BUILDING, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 26th May, 1923, at 12.20 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Account to 31st December, 1922, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

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## NOTICE.

## HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

MR. L. S. GREENHILL has resumed the Hon. Secretaryship of the Club vice Mr. E. J. R. MITCHELL.

Hongkong, May 9, 1923.

## NOTICE.

MR. ARCHIBALD ORR LANG has been admitted as a Partner of our Firm at Hongkong and Shanghai as from 1st April, 1923.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.

Hongkong, May 9, 1923.

## NOTICE.

MR. ARCHIBALD ORR LANG will continue to be Managing Director of this Company as heretofore.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. LTD.

Hongkong, May 9, 1923.

## NOTICE.

WE have THIS DAY authorised MR. WALTER SINCLAIR to sign our firm per procuration in Hongkong and MR. FRANCIS CHARLES HERB in Canton.

HOLYOAK, MASSEY & CO. LTD.

Hongkong, May 9, 1923.

## REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

THE above Hotel, which is at present being renovated, will be completed by the 31st May, 1923.

At the request of several patrons, the Management is prepared to quote rates for a limited number of rooms on the following basis as from the 1st June, 1923:—

2 Persons \$400 Per Month.

1 Person \$275 Per Month.

inclusive of room with self-contained bath, all meals, (which may be taken either at the Hongkong Hotel or Repulse Bay Hotel), also transportation by Motor Coach to and from town.

Applications can be made at the Hongkong Hotel Office.

T. A. HARRY,

Assistant General Manager, The Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.

## INTIMATIONS.

## THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON TAXICAB COMPANY, LTD.

## (Incorporated under the Hongkong Companies Ordinance 1911-1921)

## AUTHORISED CAPITAL \$750,000.

## Directors:

HENRY BIRKETT, of 10, Ice House Street, Hongkong (Partner in the Firm of Messrs. Moxon and Taylor, Share General Brokers) Chairman.

MAHOMED NEMAZEE of Prince's Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, Merchant.

SUM PAK MING of The Russo-Asiatic Bank, Prince's Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, Merchant.

CHAN LIM PAK of 15, Peak Road, Hongkong, Merchant.

CHAU SIU KI of 8, Queen's Road West, Hongkong, Merchant.

ALBERT HENRY ROWE General Manager of the United Motor Co. Ltd., 33-35, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, (Managing Director).

FREDERICK ELLIS of Messrs. F. Ellis & Co., 10, Ice House Street, Hongkong, Sharebrokers.

## Bankers:

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

1, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

## Auditors:

Messrs. LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS, Chartered Bank Building, Hongkong.

## Solicitors:

Messrs. JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Prince's Building, Hongkong.

Registered Office: Nos. 33-35, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above named Company is issuing a Prospectus dated the Seventh day of May 1923 (a copy of which has been filed with the Registrar of Companies) inviting subscriptions at par for 49,000 Shares in the Company of \$10. each, payable as to \$2.50 on application and \$2.50 on allotment and the balance by instalments not exceeding \$2.50 each as and when required. Of these 44,000 shares have been underwritten.

The Subscription List will be opened on THURSDAY, the 10th day of May 1923 and will close on or before FRIDAY the 11th day of May 1923.

Copies of the full Prospectus and form of application can be obtained at the office of the Company, or from the Company's Solicitors or Bankers.

This Notice is not to be regarded as an invitation to the public to subscribe for shares and application will only be received on the footing of the full prospectus and in the form issued therewith.

Dated this 7th day of May, 1923.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 14th day of May, 1923, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by order of His Excellency the Governor of on Lot of CROWN LAND at Lo Lung Hang Valley in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King for one further term of 75 years.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Containing in Acres	Containing in Square Feet	Containing in Square Yards
1	Lo Lung Hang Valley	110 x 150 x 150 x 150	1.5	105,000	12,000

## WANT ADVERTISEMENTS.

25 WORDS 3 INSERTIONS.  
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Every additional word 4 Cents for 3 insertions.

## TO LET.

TO LET.—For 5 months or one year, One Five-roomed House on the Peak, nicely furnished. Moderate rent—from 15th May. Apply Box No. 1428, c/o "China Mail."

TO LET.—Seven-roomed detached house with tennis lawn and garage for two cars. Apply to PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING.

## FRENCH LESSONS

## G. MOUSSON

15, Morrison Hill Road.

## MAIL WEEK NEWS.

## ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Mr. R. Northam, of Queen's College, has been elected president of the Cambridge Union Society.

Mr. Henry C. Gooch, formerly Vice-Chairman of the London County Council, was elected Chairman.

For not being in attendance when her name was called, a woman grand-juror at the Central Criminal Court was fined £10.

For taking off the hat of the senior proctor, the Rev. F. W. Green, George Sheavyn Aston Rowant, an undergraduate, was fined 30s. at Oxford.

Grimsby magistrates refused a hotel keeper a music licence for enable him to install wireless for the entertainment of his customers on the ground that the licence would entitle him to its full privileges.

The Paris Municipal Council asked Parliament not to allow the reopening within 50 miles of Paris of casinos where gambling would be carried on.

Sir William Orpen has been commissioned by supporters of the Conservative Party to paint a portrait of Lord Younger in recognition of his services as chairman of the party organisation.

The London County Council granted a licence for a Cabaret Show at the Empire, Leicester-square, and decided that they had nothing to do with the employment of coloured artists.

The barking of a watch-dog at the Swan Hotel, Walton-on-Thames, was ignored by the occupants, who afterwards found that burglars had broken into the premises and had rifled the till.

News has been received in Berlin from Grauden, near Vienna, that the ex-Kaiser's only daughter, the Duchess of Brunswick, has given birth to a son. This is her fifth child. The duchess married in 1913.

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THOSE WINTER FROCKS AND COSTUMES are too heavy and dark in colour for wear during the summer. Don't store them away soiled, but have them dry cleaned and steam pressed now, ready for wear next season.  
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## MARKET PRODUCE IN HONGKONG.

## APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

## Butcher Meat.

	May 2, 1923.	June 1918.	June 1914.
Beef Strips.—Mal Long Pa ... lb.	28	24	12
" Prime Cut ... ..	28	24	12
" Corned.—Han Ngan Yau ...	22	20	10
" Roast.—Shiu ... ..	24	20	10
" Breast.—Ngan Nam ... ..	24	20	10
" Soup.—Tong Yau ... ..	24	20	10
" Steak.—Ngan Yau Pa ... ..	24	20	10
" Steak Strips.—Ngan Lau ...	34	30	15
" Sausages.—Ngan Cheung ...	20	20	10
" Sausages.—Ngan No par sep ...	14	10	10
" Tongue, fresh.—Ngan Li each ...	80	60	30
" Tongue, corned.—Ham Ngan Li ...	60	60	30
" Head.—Ngan Tau ... each ...	1.10	1.00	1.20
" Heart.—Ngan Sam ... ..	15	13	14
" Hump, Salt.—Ngan Kin ...	24	20	10
" Feet.—Ngan Kank ... each ...	10	10	12
" Kidneys.—Ngan Yin ... ..	15	10	12
" Liver.—Ngan Mai ... ..	24	20	12
" Liver.—Ngan Kon ... ..	16	13	14
" Tripe (unadressed), Ngan To lb. ...	6	6	7
" Calves' Head and Feet.—Ngan-tai-tai ...	1.00	1.00	1.00
" Mutton Chops.—Young Fat Kwai ...	40	28	25
" Leg.—Young Fat Kwai ... ..	40	28	25
" Shoulder.—Young Fat Kwai ...	38	24	24
" Saddle.—Young Fat Kwai ...	40	18	24
" Pig's Chittlings.—Chu Ching ...	38	22	27
" Brains.—Chu No par sep ...	3	12	12
" Feet.—Chu Kank ... ..	15	15	15
" Fry.—Chu Chap ... ..	40	15	18
" Head.—Chu Tau ... ..	18	20	10
" Heart.—Chu Sam ... ..	10	10	10
" Kidneys.—Chu Yin ... ..	10	8	8
" Liver.—Chu Kon ... ..	40	30	24
" Pork Chops.—Chu Fat Kwai ...	20	25	23
" Leg.—Chu Fat Kwai ... ..	30	28	27
" Loin.—Chu Hau Tau ... ..	18	25	23
" Fat or Lard.—Chu Yau ... ..	22	21	—
" Sheep's Head and Feet.—Young Fat Kwai ...	75	60	70
" Head.—Young Fat Kwai ... ..	10	8	7
" Kidneys.—Young Fat Kwai ...	15	12	10
" Liver.—Young Fat Kwai ... ..	40	25	25
" Suet, Beef.—Shang Ngan Yau ...	28	20	18
" Mutton.—Shang Ngan Yau ...	40	25	24
" Veal.—Ngan Tai Yau ... ..	24	20	19
" Sausages.—Ngan Tai Cheung ...	28	20	20
" No. 1 ... ..	50	—	—

## Fish.

Barbel.—Ka Yu ... ..	25	19	24
Bream.—Pin Yu ... ..	20	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish.—			
Hoi Sin Yu ... ..	25	18	16
Carp.—Li Yu ... ..	22	16	17
Catfish.—Onk Yu ... ..	25	12	8
Goddish.—Men Yu ... ..	30	20	25
Orata.—Hoi Yu ... ..	40	22	26
Oute Fish.—Mak Yu ... ..	22	18	2
Dab.—Shi Hing Yu ... ..	35	22	15
Dace.—Wong Mai Yu ... ..	16	10	9
Dog Fish.—Tsi To Yu ... ..	12	19	6
Kala, Gogger.—Hoi Ma Yu ...	24	16	16
Brook water.—Tum Shui Yu ...	24	20	18
Yellow.—Wong Shu Yu ... ..	38	26	20
Frog.—Tsi Koi Yu ... ..	45	22	25
Garoupa.—Shak Pan Yu ... ..	45	40	30
Gardoon.—Pak Hap Yu ... ..	18	18	15
Herring.—Tui Pak Yu ... ..	24	22	18
Halibut.—Cheung Kwai Yu ...	16	18	23
Labrus.—Wong Yu Yu ... ..	28	22	18
Loach.—Wu Yu Yu ... ..	70	22	24
Lobster.—Lung Ma Yu ... ..	40	22	21
Mackerel.—Chi Yu Yu ... ..	26	20	26
Milk Fish.—Mong Yu Yu ... ..	32	22	28
Mullet.—Tad Yu Yu ... ..	26	18	2
Oysters.—Shang Ho Yu ... ..	25	16	22
Parrot Fish.—Kai Kwai Yu ...	24	14	9
Pomfret.—Tui Yu Yu ... ..	30	20	15
Pike.—Yu Yu Yu Yu ... ..	10	16	9
Plaice.—Pan Yu Yu ... ..	40	25	14
Pomfret.—Hoi Yu Yu ... ..	32	24	29
Pomfret.—White, Pak Cheung ...	45	30	20
Prawns.—Ming Yu Yu ... ..	60	30	45
Ray.—Pa Yu Yu Yu ... ..	10	10	14
Rock Fish.—Shak Kwai Yu ...	16	12	18
Rock.—Chun Yu Yu ... ..	25	22	15
Salmon.—Ma Yu Yu Yu ... ..	36	26	30
Shark.—Shi Yu Yu Yu ... ..	10	8	10
Shrimp.—Po Yu Yu Yu ... ..	18	10	10
Snake.—Hoi Yu Yu Yu ... ..	24	22	25
Squid.—Tui Yu Yu Yu ... ..	25	22	20
Tadpole.—Tui Yu Yu Yu ... ..	25	22	20
Tiger.—Wan Yu Yu Yu ... ..	25	22	20
Turtle.—Tui Yu Yu Yu ... ..	25	22	20
Worm.—Tui Yu Yu Yu ... ..	25	22	20
Zebra.—Tui Yu Yu Yu ... ..	25	22	20

## Poultry.

	May 2, 1923.	June 1918.	June 1914.
Chickens.—Kai Yu ... ..	60	50	30
Capon, Small.—Shi Koi Yu ...	66	58	30
Capon, Large.—Shi Koi Yu ...	64	58	30
Duck.—Ap Yu Yu Yu ... ..	35	21	22
Dove.—Pan Yu Yu Yu ... ..	—	—	—
Eggs, Hen.—Kai Yu Yu Yu ...	26	16	16
Eggs, Hen.—Kai Yu Yu Yu ...	26	16	16
Fowls, Canton.—Kai Yu Yu Yu ...	60	38	34
Fowls, Hainan.—Hoi Nam Kai Yu ...	70	38	34
Geese.—Nga Yu Yu Yu ... ..	26	24	24
Pigeons, Canton.—Pak Kap Yu Yu ...	35	30	—
Pigeons, Hainan.—Hoi Nam Pak Kap Yu ...	35	30	—
Turkeys, Cook.—Fo Kai Kwai Yu ...	70	60	45
Turkeys, Hen.—Fo Kai Na Yu ...	60	55	45
Snipe.—Shi Yu Yu Yu ... ..	—	—	—
Pheasant.—Shan Kai Yu Yu Yu ...	—	—	—
Quail.—On Yu Yu Yu Yu ... ..	—	—	—
Partridges.—Chi Yu Yu Yu Yu ...	—	—	—

## Fruits.

Almonds.—Hang Yu Yu Yu ...	35	—	—
Apples, (California)—Kam Shan Yu Yu Yu ...	24	24	—
" (Hawaii)—Fing Yu Yu Yu ...	24	24	—
Bananas, (trifles)—Mong Yu Yu Yu ...	7	4	—
" (large)—Mong Yu Yu Yu ...	12	10	—
Cashews.—Yang Yu Yu Yu Yu ...	10	10	—
Cocanuts.—Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu ...	10	10	—
Lemons, China.—Ling Mung Yu Yu Yu ...	15	7	—
Lemons, (America)—Kam Shan Yu Yu Yu ...	7	8	—
Lichees, Dried, (small stone)—	—	—	—
Lai Chi Kon Yu Yu Yu ...	25	3	—
Oranges, (Canton), Sweet—	—	—	—
Shan-sheng Tui Chang Yu Yu Yu ...	15	15	—
Oranges, Tim Chang Yu Yu Yu ...	15	15	—
Pears, (Canton), Cooking.—Shi Yu Yu Yu ...	12	10	—
Peaches.—Pa Shang Yu Yu Yu Yu ...	12	10	—
Persimmons, Large.—Hung Yu Yu Yu Yu ...	12	12	—
Plantain.—Tui Chi Yu Yu Yu Yu ...	4	3	—
Pomeles, Stam.—Tui Lo Yu Yu Yu Yu ...	15	12	—
Walnuts.—Hop Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu ...	15	14	—
Grapes.—Po Tai Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu ...	15	15	—

## Vegetables, &amp;c.

Artichokes.—Ah Chi Cheuk Yu Yu Yu .....	9	8	—
Beans, Sprout.—Nga Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	8	7	—
Long.—Tui Kok Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	8	8	—
Beet Root.—Hung Tui Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	2	6	—
Blister Squash.—Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	5	—	—
Brinjals, Green.—Ching Yau Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	5	5	—
Red.—Hui Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	5	5	—
Cabbages, Chinese, (common)—	—	—	—
Kai Tui Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	6	5	13
(Shanghai)—Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	10	12	—
Care Shoots, bunch.—Kau Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	7	9	—
Carrots, (Large)—Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	—	—	—
(Medium)—	—	—	—
(Small)—	—	—	—
Carrots.—Lam Shun Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	1b	—	—
Chilly Onions.—Tung Kau Tui Yu Yu Yu .....	—	—	—
Celery, Dried.—Kung Lai Chai Yu Yu Yu .....	2	—	—
Red.—Ching Yu Yu Chai Yu Yu Yu .....	4	—	—
Green.—Hung Lai Chai Yu Yu Yu .....	—	—	—
Curry Stalk, English.—Ka Lai Chai Lau Yu Yu Yu .....	1b	1	—
Cucumbers.—Ching Kwa Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	—	—	—
Garlic.—Sun Tau Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	10	—	—
Ginger, young.—Sun Tau Kwong Yu Yu Yu .....	—	—	—
Gluge, old.—Lo Kung Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	—	—	—
Horseradish, Shanghai.—Lai Kau Yu Yu Yu .....	—	—	—
Indian Corn.—Shuk Mai Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	10	—	—
Lettuces.—Yung Shung Tsai Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	—	—	—
Water Choucroute.—Ma Tai Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	1b	—	—
Mandarin.—Kwai Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	—	—	—
Lam Ma Tai Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	—	—	—
Macabrooms, Fresh.—Shang Tui Ku Yu Yu Yu .....	—	—	—
Onions .....	—	—	—
Onions, Bombay.—Yung Chung Tau Yu Yu Yu .....	—	—	—
Onions, Green.—Shang Chung Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	—	—	—
Onions, Shanghai.—Shung-hoi Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	—	—	—
Parsley.—Kua Tui Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	—	—	—
Potato, Sweet.—Fau Shun Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	—	—	—
Japanese.—Yi Fu Pui Shun Tui Yu Yu Yu .....	—	—	—
American.—Yu Ki Shun Tui Yu Yu Yu .....	—	—	—
Pumpkin.—Tung Kwa Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	—	—	—
Reddy.—Hung Lo Pak Tai Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	—	—	—
Shallots (French)—Tai Wong Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	—	—	—
Shallots.—Chung Chong Tau Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	—	—	—
Sprouts.—Yin Koi Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	—	—	—
Common.—Yin Koi Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu Yu .....	—	—	—
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## MARRIAGE.

**STEWART.—HASTINGS.**—On the 3rd April at Donhead St. Mary Church Wilts, by the Rev. J. H. Hastings Rector of Hinton, Lancaster, assisted by the Rev. W. D. Sargeant Rector of Donhead St. Mary, Robert Ross Stewart, Lieut. Commander R. N. son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stewart of Denham Bucks to Aileen Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. George Hastings (formerly of Hongkong) and niece of Mr. and Mrs. John Hastings of Wincombe Park Shaftesbury Dorset.

## The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1923.

## "RAISING THE WIND."

It has been common knowledge for many months now that the members of the present Cabinet in Peking, who have been placed in office by President Li Yuan-hung and the Chihli group of militarists, have been at their wits' end to find funds to meet even the most essential of current expenses. As an authentic example of the ends to which they are prepared to go to obtain a little ready cash, the following incident as related to the Peking correspondent of *The Weekly Review* is of especial interest.

A man from the Ministry of Finance came into a banker's office the other day and offered to sell him \$2,000,000 of revenue stamps for the sum of \$500,000.

But what in Peking is to be done with \$2,000,000 of revenue stamps, all of one and two-cent values? asked the banker.

"Why, you can readily sell them for at least a million dollars," was the reply.

"Take back your stamps," returned the banker. "If you think I am going out to peddle them you have come to the wrong place."

A way was found to dispose of the stamps, however, and, before the Bureau of Engraving and Printing was stopped by the Director of the Revenue Bureau (Peking), stamps to the value of five million dollars had been issued. The Director of the Revenue Bureau—presumably because he was not in, on the deal—carried off the plates from which the stamps were printed.

These revenue stamps are much used in China and usually are as good as cash for small amounts. They are required on telegrams, on receipted bills, on bills of lading and similar documents. Any Chinese will gladly buy them at half-price, and so a way was found to dispose of several million dollars' worth at twenty-five cents on the dollar to the wholesaler. But the trouble is, in China, whenever anyone hits upon a brilliant idea, someone else always goes one better; and so it happened in this case.

The Governor of Kwangsi Province heard of this scheme for raising money and, so the story goes, wrote at once to Peking in the following strain:

"It has just come to my attention that for some reason or other the stamp-tax has not been enforced in Kwangsi. I find upon investigation that the reason is that Peking has neglected to send us any stamps. Please send along a million dollars' worth and I will issue an order requiring their use."

The Governor received his stamps—whose name of them? As with most things in China, the truth is, they were not stamps at all. The stamps were paid in

stamps, which they proceeded to spend in the food-shops or exchange for copper notes at a discount in accord with market values for such forms of currency.

News travels fast in China. Other Tutchins heard of the stamp graft and Peking was inundated with telegrams for supplies of lots of a million dollars' worth. At the time, Chang Tso-lin, the Mukden War-Lord, was not on speaking terms with Peking. He had no intention of being left out in the cold, however. He persuaded a friend to smuggle stamps into Mukden, but a British Customs officer at Shan-hai-kwan seized the shipment.

While the game lasted, all in the know lined their pockets. In consequence, there are sufficient revenue stamps floating round the country to prevent any direct returns to the Revenue Bureau for many months to come. Meanwhile the police and gendarmes in the Capital (whose pay is seven months in arrears) are said to be passing the hat round among merchants and householders. The army of General Feng Yu-shiang, looked upon as the only dependable force in North China today, has not been paid for nine months and the General warned the Central Government that he cannot restrain his men much longer.

## Prohibition Counterblast.

Recently the United States Supreme Court ruled that foreign and American ships were alike prohibited from taking liquor into American ports. This decision banned even liquor intended for the use of passengers on the outward voyage and kept under seal the whole time the ship was inside the three-mile limit. Whatever the intention, its effect was to make every ship trading with the United States dry—"Soham dry," as one Home paper put it, when the startling news became known. Naturally, the other maritime nations were not going to accept this blow without demur. France, whose home industry had already been hit through America becoming dry, promptly made vigorous protests to Washington, with what results it has not been disclosed. Britain has now gone much further. That is she has been swept along much further, for the Commons bill making retaliation possible has met with prompt criticism. This measure makes it obligatory for all passenger ships in British waters to carry "a reasonable quantity of liquor." The effect it will have it is obvious and absurd. However, whatever the bill's fate, the debate should make interesting hearing, if only because it will be amusing. And the Commons always find the time for that class of business.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Two Chinese cases of plague and four of smallpox were reported yesterday.

Balla Singh, a private Indian watchman of No. 36, Ice House Street died in hospital yesterday from an overdose of opium.

The Third Gymkhana Meeting, under the auspices of the Hong-kong Jockey Club, will be held at Happy Valley on June 2, weather permitting.

A Chinese woman who goes about Peking collecting shells and oysters found a shell with a pearl in it about the size of the glass marble used as bottle stoppers. It has been purchased by a Chinese for \$4,200.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies in vire architects in Britain and the British Dominions to submit designs for the new Raffles College, to be erected at Singapore as the Singapore Centenary Memorial.

As will be seen from an advertisement in this issue, The Holland Pacific Trading Co., Ltd., notifies the public that it has transferred the business of the company as importers and exporters of provisions and cigars, merchants, with the exclusive right to the names of the "Holland Pacific Trading Co." and "Hey Lam" to Mr. Jan Hendrik Van Gennep Lohrs, who will carry on the business at No. 11, Queen's Road Central.

As the result of a careful survey of the medical work of the China Inland Mission, which was confined to the actual needs of existing hospitals, the China Council has reached the conclusion that, exclusive of two medical men recently accepted in England, there is still the need for four men and one woman doctors, eight nurses and three chemists and business managers. China's difficulties, points out the Council, are not only financial, but also medical. The mission's hospitals, to have any effect, must be able to deal with the actual needs of the people.

## KOWLOON'S PERILS.

## SCHOOL GIRL'S EXPERIENCE.

## CHASE AFTER SNATCHER.

An attempt to snatch a chain and locket from a British schoolgirl in Kowloon yesterday resulted in the Chinese youth being arrested and charged with larceny before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning.

According to Sub-Inspector Spear who prosecuted, the complainant, Miss Edith Webb of No. 10, Orient Buildings, was walking near the junction of Austin and Jorlin Roads close by the soldiers' barracks, when she felt a pull at her chain. On looking round she saw the Chinese running away towards Cox's Path. She immediately gave chase and caught the snatcher up in forty yards. Defendant had the trinket in his hand and put it into his mouth. After a brief struggle he managed to escape again with Miss Webb in pursuit. At the Bowling Club corner he turned into the Kowloon Cricket Club and hid himself in a corner. Fortunately, all this had been seen by an Indian Sergeant of the H.K.S.R.G.A. from the barracks. He came along and caught the snatcher who had remained in hiding. After being taken to the station, defendant volunteered to take the police to a spot where the chain and locket were recovered.

His Worship asked Inspector Spear if this was not the second instance of snatching from Europeans in Kowloon and the Inspector replied in the affirmative. As defendant had pleaded guilty, evidence was not called. In sentencing the youth to three months' hard labour with ten strokes of the birch in the jail, His Worship remarked on the seriousness of the offence adding that an example must be given as a deterrent to others.

## OUR FINANCES.

## TO-DAY'S COUNCIL VOTES.

\$200,000 FOR WAR MEMORIAL HOME.

The following financial recommendations by H.E. the Governor are to be considered by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council this afternoon:

\$2,000 in aid of the vote Police Department, other charges, "small stores."

\$6,000 on account of Police Department, special expenditure, one new boiler for No. 1 police launch, \$1,150 in aid of the vote Harbour Master's Department, special expenditure, new motor boat for Government Marine Surveyor's Office.

\$10,000 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Communications, Roads, Improvement to Roads necessitated by the extension of tramway track around Happy Valley.

\$33,000 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, mast, building machinery, and cables for directional installation at Cape D'Aguilar.

\$200,000 on account of Miscellaneous Services, War Memorial Nursing Home.

\$14,500 on account of Fire Brigade, special expenditure, 1 motor pump.

\$3,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, 20 boundary stones.

\$1,500 on account of Medical Department, Special Expenditure, (B) Hospitals and Asylums, equipment of out-patients department, Civil Hospital.

\$46,800 on account of the following votes:

Public Works, extraordinary, Alterations to Harbour Engineering School, \$16,000.00

Conversion of houses on marine lot No. 381 for use as a Central Fire Station, \$73,500.00

Vaccination shed, West Point, \$5,500.00

Kowloon Observatory, seismograph, room, and gas service, \$6,000.00

Water Police Station, additional barrack rooms, \$10,000.00

Levelling off site of Kowloon Island, lot No. 630, \$8,800.00

Total, \$46,800.00

\$11,000 on account of Public Works, extraordinary, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, conversion of shed at Kennedy Town for use of Imports and Exports Department and construction of temporary cattle isolation shed, south of Island lot 054.

\$127 on account of Land Office, special expenditure, typewriter.

\$3,200 in aid of the vote Charitable Services, transport and subsistence of lunatics.

\$1,000 on account of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, New Kowloon waterworks, \$33,000.00

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## COMPANY MEETING.

## CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

## INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS.

The forty-second ordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., was held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., the General Agents, at noon, to-day. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard was in the chair and was supported by the following members of the Consulting Committee: Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. H. Humphreys, A. H. Compton, A. S. Gubbay and H. P. White and F. C. Hall (secretary).

The shareholders present were: Messrs. Chau Siu-ki, Chui Siu-nan, Lo Cheung-shiu, Lo Man-hin, Ho Shai-kit, J. Arnold, J. W. Barton, D. V. Stevenson, G. H. Piercy, N. V. A. Crucher, H. Seth, A. E. Ellis, U. C. Boyd, Ho Leung, E. E. Ellis, J. M. Alves, A. B. Stewart, and W. B. L. Shenton.

## Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman, in reviewing the Company's activities during the past year said:—  
Gentlemen,—The report and accounts having now been in your hands for some days, I propose, with your permission, to follow the usual custom of taking them as read.

It affords me great pleasure to be again in a position to present to you such a very satisfactory report, especially as there has been little or no improvement in the condition of Marine Insurance affairs since we met here about this time last year. Trade continues stagnant and though there is some less pressure from competition, owing to the elimination of many of the smaller and War-born Companies, there is still insufficient business to go round and the task of maintaining premium income at its customary level is most exacting. It will be seen from the accounts that although the premium income for the year 1921 was some \$600,000 less than for the preceding year, the result, after 24 months' working is over \$300,000 better. This is due to the reduction in the loss ratio from approximately 73 per cent, to 63 per cent, and an increase of \$30,000 in the revenue from investments. Working account for the year 1922, after twelve months' working, shows a decrease in premium income of \$180,000. The balance of \$2,362,975.41 carried forward is, however, \$18,000 greater than that for the year 1921 at the same period, and we think we may confidently look forward to the successful outcome of this account also.

Our assets, as expressed in sterling, stand at a lower figure than a year ago, owing to the fall in the rate of exchange from 2/7 to 2/3, the rate ruling on the 31st December last. On the other hand, as expressed in local currency, they show the very substantial increase of over \$1,100,000. Our reserves have maintained their healthy condition and, with the addition of the appropriations which I shall propose later on, should fully satisfy constituents with regard to the security that the Company offers. I wish again this year to make special reference to the investment and exchange fluctuation account which has now risen to the figure of \$1,088,868.08. Although this sum is altogether exceptional, your general agents and consulting committee have deemed it advisable to retain it intact until it can be seen whether the very material rises which have recently taken place in both gold and silver securities are to be maintained.

The surplus to be dealt with is \$1,353,378.15, out of which has been paid an interim dividend of \$18 per share. We now recommend the payment of a final dividend of \$22, the addition of \$25,000 to reserve fund, and the carrying of the balance of \$504,079.09 to underwriting suspense account to close the year 1921. The balance of \$2,362,975.41 at credit of 1922 account allows of the payment of the usual interim dividend of \$18 for that year.

## Reply to Criticism.

From the foregoing you will understand that it is proposed to increase the dividend to a total of \$40 for the year 1921, as against \$36 paid in respect of 1919 and 1920. It has come to my knowledge that the fact that we do not pay away all our income from investments has been criticized and it may not be out of place for me to make a few remarks on the subject. Our practice is not singular. It is the same as that of many well-known Home Companies, who in some cases distribute in dividend an even smaller proportion of revenue from investments than we do. It must be remembered that should an exceptionally heavy loss be incurred, necessitating the sale of investments, it will in interest would result. This in turn might result in a reduced dividend if the Company were too liberal in its return to shareholders. It is entirely owing to our conservative policy and

## \$10,000 DAMAGES CLAIM.

## ALLEGED NEGLIGENT DRIVING.

## MOTOR COLLISION SEQUEL.

In the Supreme Court, this morning, before Sir Wm. Rees Davies, (Chief Justice) and a jury, Jacob Julius Thorman sued Mr. J. M. Elias van Castricum and Mrs. J. M. Elias van Castricum, his wife, for \$10,000 for damages for injury through negligent driving by the second defendant in a car owned by her husband. The defence is that plaintiff had himself collided with the car.

The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. F. A. Mackintosh, F. L. Marques, C. A. dos Remedios, Chang Hong-key, F. F. X. Barretto, V. Abbas, Lee Hon-cho.

Mr. Eldon Potter appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. F. C. Jenkin for the defendants.

The plaintiff claims that he has suffered damage from the negligence of the second defendant in the management and driving of the first defendant's motor-car on March 11, 1922. The car, it is alleged, was driven with great force against plaintiff, who, at the time, was riding a motor-cycle. The negligence was alleged to have consisted in driving the car at an excessive speed, being on the wrong side of the road, and in not keeping a proper look out. The second defendant is also alleged to have been negligent in waving her hand on the left-hand side of the car and at the same time allowing the car to bear to the right, thereby indicating to the plaintiff or giving him reason to believe that she required him to keep to his right-hand side of the road, furthermore compelling the plaintiff to so cross the road in order to avoid collision. After the plaintiff had started across the road, the second defendant suddenly turned the car to the left, thereby causing the collision. Plaintiff's injuries and repairs to motor-cycle cost him \$13,615.50 (including loss of income \$2,400).

## TAXICAB COMPANY.

## RUSH FOR SHARES.

## DOLLAR PREMIUM ALREADY.

The subscription list for shares in the Hongkong and Kowloon Taxicab Co., Ltd., opened at 10 this morning and applications for 100,000 shares were received within half an hour. As the company is only asking for subscriptions for 49,000 shares the list was then closed.

This record response indicates confidence in an enterprise which should retain its popularity as a public utility designed to bring the Colony more into line with other cities as regards travelling facilities.

The authorised capital of the Company is \$750,000 and the directors are Messrs. H. Birkett (chairman), M. Nemazee, Sum Pak-ming, Chan Lim-pak, Chau Siu-ki, A. H. Rowe (managing director) and F. Ellis.

The amount paid up on application was \$2.50 and during the day as much as \$3.50 was offered for the shares.

The building up of reserves, that the Company has been enabled to expand and attain the eminently satisfactory position it occupies to-day, and I trust that shareholders will approve the policy that is followed.

I cannot think of anything further that calls for special reference, but I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability, any questions arising out of the accounts which shareholders may wish to put, after the accounts themselves have been duly seconded.

I now propose the following resolution:—  
That the report and accounts as presented, including the payment of a final dividend in respect of the year 1921 of \$22 per share, and an interim dividend in respect of the year 1922 of \$18 per share; the addition of \$25,000 to reserve fund; of \$125,000 to reserve fund and of \$504,079.09 to underwriting suspense account be adopted and passed.

The proposition was seconded by Mr. Lo Cheung-shiu and passed unanimously.

On the proposal of Mr. J. Arnold, seconded by Mr. D. V. Stevenson, the following were unanimously re-elected as members of the Consulting Committee: The Hon. Sir Paul Claret, K.C., C.M.G., Messrs. E. J. Cheong, A. H. Compton, A. S. Gubbay, H. P. White, F. L. Marques and H. P. White.

The auditors, Messrs. H. Percy Smith, F.R.S., and J. A. B. Lowe, F.R.S., were unanimously re-elected on the proposal of Mr. Paul Claret, seconded by Mr. F. Ellis.

The new station building for the Kowloon-Canton railway (British Section) for 1922.

The gross receipts for the year were \$710,295.75, as against \$603,980.77 for 1921, an increase of \$106,314.98. The balance after paying working expenses stands at \$148,151.40.

The increased earnings of this period were somewhat reduced by a period of partial stagnation after the strike, by the launchmen's strike in May, and by the frequent train suspensions owing to political unrest in Canton and neighbourhood. Much inconvenience and loss was caused by resultant military operations between Sun Yat-sen and Chan Kwing-ming. On five occasions bridges on the Chinese Section of the line were damaged by explosives in attempts to prevent movements of troops. During this political unrest robber bands were as usual active along the part of the line in the Chinese Territory.

Considerable attention was given in collaboration with the Town Planning Committee to future railway requirements, and reservations of land likely to be required later for branch lines and stations were decided upon. Surveys for the junctions of two probable branch lines were made, and centre lines sketched out.

The new station building for Sheung Shui station, for which provision was made in the estimate for 1922, has been completed. The alternative proposal whereby the long grade of 1 in 100 would be reduced to 1 in 250 and a new station built at Sheung Shui, for both Kowloon and Sheung Shui, was considered, but the project is still in the air.

## LABOUR REFORMS.

## HOME GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

## COMMONS SUPPORT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 9.

In the House of Commons, the Government's policy regarding the recommendations of the International Labour Conference at Geneva were enunciated. Sir Montague Barlowe, Minister of Labour stating the Government intended to ratify a number of conventions, including those prohibiting the employment of children in agriculture, and prohibiting the employment of trimmers and stockers under eighteen. The Government did not intend to ratify, *inter alia*, the conventions dealing with the prevention or unemployment in agriculture, the protection of women agriculturists before and after childbirth, social insurance in agriculture, and the application for a weekly rest day.

A Labour amendment demanding approval of all the conventions was rejected by 285 votes to 176. The Government's policy was agreed to.

## FOODSTUFF GAMBLING.

## INJUNCTION SETBACK.

NEW YORK, May 9.

The Federal Court has refused the Government's application for an injunction against the New York coffee and sugar exchange.

The Government's Attorneys, are appealing against the decision. [The American Government recently instituted injunction proceedings with a view to suppressing completely trading in sugar futures, also in coffee and sugar unless backed by actual ownership. Control of sugar has been instituted. The proceedings are the most sweeping ever instituted to curb speculation in the necessities of life.]

## RUSSIAN AFFRONT.

## SLOOP TO PROTECT OUR TRAWLERS.

## TRADE MISSION'S POSITION.

LONDON, May 10.

It is stated that the armed British sloop "Harebell" is leaving for Russian waters to protect British fishermen.

Lord Curzon, Foreign Minister, has instructed Mr. Hodgson, the British trade representative at Moscow, to return with the whole mission if at the expiry of ten days he does not receive a reply to the British note, or if the reply is clearly unsatisfactory.

## EXCHANGE.

## STERLING CROSS-RATE WEAK.

LONDON, May 10.

A feature of the exchange during the past few days has been the weakness of sterling on New York. To-day it closed at 4.61.

Markets are quoted between 173,000 and 175,000.

## RAILWAY TROUBLES.

## VERY TRYING YEAR REVIEWED.

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## LINCHENG OUTRAGE.

RELEASED WOMAN'S  
STORIES.

## DONKEY RIDE INTO HILLS.

## ARMY MAJORS' REPORTED ESCAPE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

TIENTSIN, May 10. Miss Minnie Macfadden, Miss Schonberg, Miss Aldrich (Mr. John D. Rockefeller's sister-in-law), passed through Tientsin to-night en route for Peking. They were accompanied by Dr. Houghton, of the P.U.M.C. All three women are not seriously hurt but they are in an exhausted condition, and the doctor will not allow them to be interviewed.

Dr. Houghton, interviewed by Reuter, related Miss Aldrich's story as she had told it. From the time she was captured, she was separated from the other foreigners, but there were a number of Chinese prisoners in her party.

## STRAGGLER KILLED.

They pushed on rapidly into the hills. One Chinese who was unable to keep up was shot. Before daylight next day, said Dr. Houghton, Miss Aldrich was sent down the hill into another village at which the people kindly treated the womenfolk, feeding and warming her.

The following morning Miss Aldrich was taken by a Chinese man to Lincheng. It is uncertain whether he was a bandit or a soldier.

Miss Macfadden suffered more as she wore only a light pair of slippers. Later the bandits provided her with a donkey, but several falls from the animal shook her up.

## RAILWAY FACILITIES.

The directors of the Tientsin line ordered every facility in the way of free transportation, food, and sleeping accommodation to be given to the consuls, newspapermen, and other foreigners going to Lincheng and charged the railway police with responsibility as to their safety, in order to show the feeling of the Chinese people towards the outrage.

## ARMY MAJORS ESCAPE.

PEKING, May 10. Major Pinger, Ordnance Corps, U.S.A. Army, Manila, and Major Allen, U.S. Medical Corps, Manila, are reported to have escaped.

## TSINANFU AFFAIR.

## CHINESE VERSION.

PEKING, May 10.

With reference to the Tientsin message concerning the Lowe case, Chinese state that Mr. Lowe owed a Chinese merchant at Tsinanfu \$14,000 and attempted to leave Tsinanfu for Shanghai without paying. The merchant came to the station and a scuffle ensued. Mr. Lowe struck the merchant. The police then arrested Mr. Lowe who was bound, thrown into a ricksha and carried off to prison.

It is understood the British Consul at one o'clock in the morning went to the prison and obtained Mr. Lowe's release.

Foreigners hold the opinion that even if the Chinese accusations against Mr. Lowe are true, the Chinese violated a British subject's rights in beating him and carrying him off bound to prison without informing the British Consul about the matter.

The Tientsin message stated that Mr. A. Lowe, a Canadian merchant, was pulled out of the train at Tsinanfu by Chinese civilians and then beaten and carried off. The Chinese police made no effort to interfere, but Mr. Lowe saw a foreigner, who reported the matter to the British Consul and the latter secured his release.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A Reuter cable from London today states that the late Mr. Charles Cowie, East India merchant, left £131,715.

Mr. D. S. Eddy, of Messrs. E. D. Sassoon and Co., who has been in indifferent health for the past month, left for Macao this morning in the hopes that he may benefit from the change.

The Rev. Charles Gordon Laidlaw, Rector of Witherley, near Nuneaton, who died on March 31, formerly held curacies at Huddersfield, Kirk Merton, and Golcar, all in Yorkshire, and was afterwards naval chaplain on the China and Mediterranean stations.

Among the passengers by the S.S. "Princess Lincoln," which left yesterday, were Major General Sir J. S. and Lady Fowler and their daughter, Miss W. J. H. Humber, who disembarked at Shanghai en route for Wanchow.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

## NEW BILLS PASSED.

TRIBUTES TO LATE MR. NG HON TSE.

Four new Bills and resolutions altering the tobacco duties and Chinese restaurant licence fees were the chief items on the notice paper put before the members of the Legislative Council at this afternoon's meeting.

## ATTENDANCE.

There were present:— His Excellency the Governor, Sir B. B. Stubbs, K.C.M.G., The Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., O.B.E.

The Attorney-General, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., C.M.G., Col. Davey, C.M.G., D.S.O. (representing the G.O.C.), The Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hon. Mr. B. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., The Director of Education, the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving.

The Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins, The Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., The Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, The Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. S. B. McIlhenny, Clerk of Councils.

## Late Mr. Ng Hon Tse.

Before the regular business commenced the Hon. Mr. Kotewall was sworn in as a member of the Council.

H. E. the Governor then expressed the Government's deep regret at the untimely death of Mr. Ng Hon-tse and moved that the Council pass a vote of condolence with the family.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock on behalf of the unofficial members wished to associate them with the timely words that had fallen from the lips of His Excellency.

Mr. R. H. Kotewall, in associating himself with the resolution said, "Sir, I beg respectfully to associate myself with the sentiments expressed by your Excellency and the honourable senior unofficial member. By the untimely death of Mr. Ng Hon-tse this Honourable Council has lost a valuable member, and the Colony a public spirited citizen. To me the sense of loss is peculiarly poignant, for I enjoyed Mr. Ng's friendship for over twenty years, and had only recently hoped to have the honour of his co-operation and the benefit of his guidance on this Council during Mr. Chow Shou-son's absence on leave. But it was not to be. Just as I entered upon my new duties he was, with bewildering suddenness, struck down by the cruel hand of an inscrutable destiny, in his very prime and the fulness of his vigour. Those who know him intimately, know what a large amount of solid good work he had done for the Colony, and particularly for the Chinese Community whom he represented first on the Sanitary Board and afterwards on this Council with singular fidelity. Without any advantage of birth, and without any of those showy attributes which have helped to make so many reputations, he carved out for himself a successful career, filling many parts in our public life, and being adequate to them all. I ascribe his success to his high character and good sense—his transparent honesty, simplicity of nature, well-balanced mind, and loyalty to friends. Many of us feel that such a man is hard to replace; and this feeling is the measure of our appreciation of his worth. In the name of the Chinese Community, I join with sorrowing respect in the tribute which which you, Sir, and the honourable senior unofficial member have just paid to Mr. Ng's memory, and also in the expression of heartfelt sympathy and sincere condolence to his widow and family."

## Resolutions Carried.

After brief explanations by the Colonial Secretary the resolutions in connection with the tobacco duties and Chinese restaurant licence fees were carried unanimously.

## Police Supervision Ordinance.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled an Ordinance to provide for police supervision of certain persons. The objects and reasons stated:—

"The Police Supervision Ordinance, 1922, Ordinance No. 4 of 1922, provided for police supervision of certain criminals by order of a magistrate, a judge or the Governor in Council. On re-consideration it has been decided to restrict the measure to the case of orders by a magistrate. The present bill re-enacts the former Ordinance with the omission of such portions as related to orders by a judge or by the Governor in Council."

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

## Chinese Traveller's Fee.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled an Ordinance to amend the provisions of the Chinese Traveller's Fee Ordinance, 1922, Ordinance No. 15 of 1922, in relation to the fee payable by Chinese travellers proceeding to foreign countries. According to the objects and reasons given:—

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"The fee is made \$50 in all cases, including the case of the Philippine Islands."

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## Arms Ordinance Amended.

The first reading of a Bill to amend the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1900, was next moved by the Attorney General. The objects and reasons were set out as follows:—

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The Hon. Mr. Holyoak seconded and was addressing the Council in support of the measure when this edition went to press.

## "AMATEUR SEAMAN."

## BLUE FUNNEL STOWAWAY.

YOUNG CANADIAN'S STORY.

An account of his plight in Manila and his endeavours to obtain employment was related to Mr. J. K. Wood this morning by Morris Tucker (22), a Canadian, who described himself as an "amateur seaman." He appeared in court to face a charge of stowing away on the Blue Funnel s.s. "Proteus" which arrived yesterday from Manila yesterday.

Sub-Inspector Spear, prosecuting, said that shortly after the ship left Manila, defendant gave himself up as a stowaway.

After reading the charge His Worship asked how defendant pleaded. Defendant replied that he had a little story to tell, without which he would not like to say one way or another as he might lie.

Defendant went on to say that he was a Canadian and in reply to a query as to his trade said he was an "amateur seaman." He had become stranded in Manila. Application to American ships for work were turned down he being a Canadian. He could not obtain work on British ships as they used Chinese coolies. He was "broke" and was afterwards cared for by the Red Cross. He had to get out of Manila in any case said defendant.

Answering further questions put by the Magistrate, Tucker said that he came from Vancouver and had never been in Hongkong before and did not have the slightest intention of coming here. According to a paper he had read the ship was bound for Seattle and port of call Cebu. On the ship he had offered to work day and night with only four hours rest as he was anxious to get home. He was willing to work for his passage and nothing else.

T. G. Campbell, fourth officer, on watch when defendant surrendered himself informed the court that Tucker worked willingly and properly on the ship.

His Worship imposed sentence of one day's hard labour, which means that he will be released to-day.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

## FIRM HAND NEEDED.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—With reference to the fight on board the s.s. "Yunnan" on Tuesday afternoon, I should like to know very much what the Water Police and Harbour Authorities were doing during the time the police flag was hoisted and the mate kept the mutineers until 7 p.m. I have been in the same position myself more than once. Evidently China's evil forces are getting out of hand, as is shown by the late River pirates, armed robberies, and the Nansha (Laysan) piracy. And if it appears that we cannot get the Government protection "which we pay for," I think a little individual sternness is needed.

Yours, etc.

A. DECK OFFICER, Hongkong, May 10.

RECENT SCOUT JAMBOREE'S RESULTS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—It may be of interest to sympathisers of the Boy Scout Movement in this Colony to know something of the results of the recent Jamboree. Financially there was a loss of \$116.43, which may be accounted for by the bad weather conditions which prevailed at the time, affecting the attendances at the Concert on both nights. This loss however is far outweighed by great gains in other directions, not least of which is the increased activity on the part of the Scouts themselves, who fully appreciate the interest shown in and support given to their efforts on that occasion.

The Executive of the Hongkong Boy Scouts Association desire to take this opportunity of expressing their grateful thanks to all those who in so many different ways assisted the Jamboree Committee, and especially Mr. B. Wylie for undertaking and carrying out the laborious task of supervising the advertising and printing: Lieut.-Commander Stevenson R.N. for acting as Stage Manager; Lieut.-Commander Beresford, R.E. and the decorating party from H.M.S. "Tamar"; the members of the "Black Cat Jazz Band" for giving their service gratuitously on both afternoons; Messrs. Moutrie and Co. for the gratuitous loan of two pianos and assistance with the booking; the Hongkong A.D.C. for the loan of scenery; to the Management of the various Hotels, Restaurants, Clubs, Companies etc.; for displaying posters and table-cards; and the City Hall Committee and the Tramway Co. for reduced rates.

The Executive also extend their thanks to all supporters and subscribers who have already responded to their appeal and especially to His Excellency the Chief Scout of Hongkong and Lady Stubbs for the great interest shown in so many different ways for their most generous gift of a yacht to the Sea Scouts for training purposes.

Yours etc., G.T. WALDEGRAVE, Commissioner, C. H. BLASON, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Jambooree Secretary, Hon. Association Secretary, Hongkong, May 8.

## TYPHOON WARNING.

The following telegram was received from the Manila Observatory by the local American Consulate General at 3 p.m. to-day:—

Cyclone or typhoon crossing northern Luzon moving East-north-east."

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## SMALL FOX.

## BANGKOK QUARANTINE ORDER.

The Colonial Secretary has received a cable from Bangkok dated May 9, stating that quarantine has been imposed on arrivals from Hongkong by the Siamese authorities for small-pox. Vessels are being detained at the river mouth and passengers and crews are being vaccinated.

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"MACEDONIA"	10,512	5th Sept.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
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**ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.****"HAPPY SCHOOL LIFE."**

PRAISE FROM MALAYA.

St. Stephen's College, Hongkong, is well known to many of our Chinese readers as the *Malay Mail* since, among its students, are several "Straits-born" boys. An account of a visit paid to the other day by a representative of the *Malay Mail* will therefore be of some interest.

This school is in some respects unique. It is the only school for Chinese boys run on the lines of an English public school and entirely independent of Government assistance. This is a departure from the usual methods of education in Malaya. The Victoria Institution, in adopting the perfect system lately, is merely experimenting along lines which have been followed by St. Stephen's College from its foundation. It must be remembered, however, that the college, is especially a preparation for the University, and there is no school in Malaya which occupies a similar position.

The history of St. Stephen's College is a curious one. About twenty years ago, some of the leading members of the Chinese community approached the Government regarding a school for the sons of the upper class Chinese. The Government did not see its way clear to moving in the matter, and an appeal was next made to the Roman Catholic Mission in Hongkong. Finally it was referred to the Anglican Bishop of the diocese, who, with the assistance of the Church Missionary Society, started the present college. The management is now in the hands of a board, composed of six English and six Chinese gentlemen, under the Chairmanship of the Bishop.

ENGLISH AND CHINESE EDUCATION.

Co-operation between the two races is the keynote of St. Stephen's College, and it is that which gives it its unique position among schools in the Far East. The staff is composed of English and Chinese masters, all of whom are university graduates. English subjects are taught every morning, while the afternoons are devoted to Chinese history and the study of the Confucian classics. The boys may eat Chinese or English food, as they please. Curiously enough, they often seem to prefer the latter, particularly that provided by the school tuck-shop.

Games are run on the same lines, for, while tennis and soccer are very popular, Chinese boxing finds enthusiastic supporters. That very keen interest in sport is felt, may be gathered from the fact that the whole school, good players and bad alike, entered for a recent tournament. Students will rush straight from their class rooms to the soccer ground to play, regardless of their long silk coats, which touch their heels and must prove embarrassing.

DORMITORIES.

All the prefects and elder boys have bedrooms to themselves, and these do not differ very much from the rooms of boys at public schools at home, except that the owners seem to have less complicated tastes. The usual litter of boots, books, photographs, and bats, is lacking. The younger sleep three or four boys in room, and remarkably little difference can be seen between the untidiness of the apartments of these little twelve-year olds and that of their European contemporaries.

Coloured prints representing historical subjects hang in all the class rooms, each form being allowed to choose the pictures it prefers. Mention should be made of the school library, subscribed to by the boys, which contains many English classics and takes in all kinds of periodicals.

The building is old and in many ways inconvenient, but its position in the oldest part of Hongkong, overlooking the harbour, is magnificent. The Government has, however, granted a site on the other side of the island, upon which building is to be begun in the near future.

Among the boys are two brothers from Kuala Lumpur, Chan Wey Yui and Chan Tin To, who, having been made of the school life, and an excellent training for their future as citizens of Malaya.

**SHANGHAI RACES.****SHENKOLAND WINS CHAMPIONS.**

Yesterday's programme at the Shanghai races included the race for the Champion Sweepstakes which was won by Mr. Day's Shenkoland, ridden by Mr. Brand. Mr. Campox's Old Bill came in second and Messrs. Stitt and Stephen's Cock o' Th' North third.

The winning sweepstake numbers for the race, according to a *Reuter's* cable, were: 37517, 33156 and 28244.

Results:

1.—THE GREAT NORTHERN PLATE.—Seven furlongs.

Mr. Liddell's Carlington (Mr. Liddell) 1

Mrs. Wm. McBain's Kewiki (Mr. Dupree) 2

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. White's White Knight (Mr. Moller) 3

Time: 1min. 47.2-secs.

2.—THE RUBICON PLATE.—One Mile and a Quarter.

Mr. Durgor's Kashmir (Mr. Johnstone) 1

Mr. Wm. McBain's Skyras (Mr. Knoll) 2

Mr. Liddell's Woodcroft (Mr. Liddell) 3

Time: 2mins. 40.2-secs.

3.—THE PARI-MUTUEL STAKES.—One Mile and a half.

Mr. John Peel's Pencaiste (Mr. Johnstone) 1

Mr. Nugget's Thomas à Becket (Mr. Bremer) 2

Capt. Bahnsen's Guldberg (Mr. Hill) 3

Time: 3mins. 11.2-secs.

4.—RACING STAKES.—No results to hand.

5.—THE YANGTZE CUP.—One Mile.

Mr. John Peel's Silver Streak (Mr. Johnstone) 1

Messrs. C. G. Mackie and G. H. Wright's Jet (Mr. Bremner) 2

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. White's White Iris (Mr. Dupree) 3

Time: 2mins. 04.4-secs.

6.—THE FOCHOW CUP.—No results to hand.

7.—THE JOCKEY CUP.—No results to hand.

8.—THE AMOY CUP.—One Mile.

Mr. We Two's Young Bill (Mr. Springfield) 1

Mr. Durgor's Kashmir (Mr. Dupree) 2

Messrs. Arnholt and H. Sassoon's Roman Oriole (Mr. Hill) 3

Time: 2mins. 34-secs.

9.—THE CHAMPION SWEEPSTAKES.—One Mile and a Quarter.

Mr. Day's Shenkoland (Mr. Brand) 1

Mr. Campox's Old Bill (Mr. Bremner) 2

Messrs. Stitt and Stephen's Cock o' Th' North (Mr. Hill) 3

Time: 2mins. 34-secs.

10.—THE SWATOW CUP.—Nine furlongs.

Mr. Kenjoy's Bakari (Mr. Brand) 1

Mr. Henry Morris's Wyofesfield (Mr. Heard) 2

Mr. Liddell's Sunshadow (Mr. Hill) 3

Time: 2mins. 24-secs.

11.—THE NEWCHWANG CUP.—Three Quarters of a Mile.

Mr. Liddell's Woodcroft (Mr. Liddell) 1

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. White's White Pine (Mr. Moller) 2

Mr. and Mrs. McBain's Skyras (Mr. Dupree) 3

Time: 1min. 30.4-secs.

Messrs. Lalacaca and Bauld's The Bard (Mr. Bard) ran second in this race, but was disqualified for boring.

**CHEAPER TRAVEL.****NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA FARES REDUCED.**

The Hongkong Office of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha has received cable instructions from its Head Office to the effect that commencing with the "Kamo Maru" sailing from this port on June 20th, the following reduced passage rates, against the present rates in Yen, will come into effect from Hongkong:

To London 1st class \$100.00

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To Marseilles 2nd class \$64.00

To Port Said 1st class \$80.00

To Port Said 2nd class \$52.00

To Colombo 1st class \$75.00

To Colombo 2nd class \$47.00

To Singapore 1st class \$70.00

To Singapore 2nd class \$42.00

To Singapore Intermediate \$50.00

To Singapore 3rd class \$30.00

**KING GEORGE VISITS POPE PIUS XI.**

Pope Pius XI (formerly Cardinal Achille Ratti), with whom, today's later cables state, His Majesty the King has had an audience, was at the time of his election an exceedingly popular figure in the Vatican and in ecclesiastical circles generally. He was born in the small town of Desio, near Milan, on the line to Como, on March 31, 1857, and is therefore nearly 66. In spite of his age he is still vigorous, and in excellent health.

There was some hesitation about Cardinal Ratti's election only because it was assumed that he was really too learned, too much of a scholarly man, to be immediately acceptable to two-thirds of the Cardinals and the voting evidently hung long in the balance. His mission to Poland also brought him into contact with conflicting interests, which, it was supposed, might have told against him, and, finally, when he was appointed to the Archbishopric of Milan his inaugural sermon contained some remarks on Church policy that seemed of too liberal a tendency towards modern States, and especially towards the Italian Government.

**HOME TRADE.****MANCHESTER WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.**

Messrs. James F. Hutton & Co., Ltd., Manchester, report under date March 28:—

The heavy moment of option values has been the chief feature of interest during the past week. Prices opened weaker with a less confident tone in the American markets and finally the downward tendency culminated in sharp breaks both at New York and Liverpool, which have resulted in a total fall for the week of 12d per lb. on American cotton.

Various factors have been responsible for this rapid reaction, but mainly it would appear that the steady forcing up of values by speculators has at last resulted in a serious decrease in consumption. The demand from American trade interests for actual cotton appears now to have fallen off substantially owing to the high level reached, and together with the meagreness of buying at Liverpool this has turned the scale against holders of cotton. There has been considerable pressure to sell on the part of the American spot markets in consequence, and heavy speculative liquidation has also been in progress. Realising has in fact been so general that it is not unlikely the reaction will be overdone just as the upward movement has proved to have been.

Egyptian cotton values have lost ground in sympathy with American, and practically to the same extent. In the Manchester market trading has been severely restricted through the fall in cotton prices, as this seems, as usual, to have caused buyers to suspend operations pending a more settled state of affairs. This applies to all business of any importance which was in course of negotiation, the only lots now going through being sundry small lots. Prices have not however been very materially altered, although the tendency is slightly easier. Spinners still seem determined to obtain a better basis and have up to the present been successful in maintaining rates at within 1/2d. per lb. of last week, and in some cases unchanged. It is also impossible to obtain any reduction whatever from the low cloth prices which have recently been accepted, as most of these were based on very cheap yarn in makers' hands. The Indian market has been generally very quiet, although a few offers were about in the early part of the week for prints, whites, dhoties and dyed goods. China, Java and Singapore are doing very little.

New in the Time.

For the first time in the history of the world, the price of cotton has fallen below the price of wool. This is a new record, and it is a sign of the times. The price of cotton has fallen from 12d per lb. to 10d per lb., while the price of wool has risen from 10d per lb. to 12d per lb. This is a new record, and it is a sign of the times.

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**YESTERDAY'S TENNIS.****FILIPINO OLYMPIC PLAYERS' MATCH.**

On the L.R.C. ground, last evening, there was a large attendance present to witness the Filipino tennis players, en route to Osaka by the s.s. "President Grant" to take part in the Far Eastern Olympiad, in three matches against local players. The two singles fell to Hongkong, while the visitors won the doubles after a long struggle in the third set, which was not decided until the score was called 14-12.

Naturally most interest centred in the match between T. Honda, the champion of the Straits and F.M.S. and Francisco Aragon, champion of the Philippines. Unfortunately none of the visiting Filipinos have ever played on a grass court, so that to commence with they were very much "at sea." In the case of Francisco Aragon it was especially marked; at no time did he look like a winner. He is a forceful player with some excellent back-hand strokes, but was very erratic yesterday. Honda played in great form, his placing being especially accurate. He has one deadly shot, which drops just inside the line of his opponent's right-hand court, about a yard beyond the base line of the Service court. Honda brought this shot off continually yesterday and from all positions almost.

Honda took the first three games, after the scores had reached 40-15, deuce, 40-15. Aragon won the next from 40-15. Honda in the fifth game had his opponent on the run and ran out from 40-15. In the sixth Aragon won from 40-30. The next two fell to Honda from 40-15 and 40-30, giving him the first set by 6-2.

In the second set, Honda took the first five games from 40-30, 40-30, 40-15, deuce. The sixth game went to deuce before Aragon won. The last game was won by Honda after deuce had been called, giving him the set and match by 6-1. Mr. A. H. Rumljah was umpire.

In the other singles match, O. Rumljah defeated Cesar Manuel after three well-contested sets by 6-6, 2-6, 6-4. The local player was very steady throughout and relied chiefly on lobbing. Manuel brought off some capital smashes at the net, but lost many points by hitting out when playing from the back of the court. Mr. R. Basa umpired.

In the doubles Rumljah and Ismail were just beaten by Guillermo Aragon and Martin Favia, the scores being 6-3, 4-6, 14-12. This match was the most interesting of all from a spectator's point of view and was productive of many a sharp rally in which Aragon was always prominent for the visitors; the home pair combined well. Ismail playing a very safe game which won back many points after Rumljah's more aggressive strokes had, on occasion, failed. Aragon was the best of the four and is the possessor of a very deadly back-hand smash.

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.**

There was a large gathering on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground, last evening, to witness the challenge round in the Club Championship. S.E. Green, the challenger, gained a decisive victory over F. A. Redmond, the holder, winning in three straight sets, by 6-3, 6-2, 6-2. Throughout the match Green held the upper hand, his driving being especially accurate. Redmond was decidedly below his usual form. Green has gone though all the rounds without losing a set.

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**HONGKONG LITIGATION.****SUPREME COURTS' WORK LAST YEAR.**

Among the papers tabled at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council was the report of the registrar of the Supreme Court for the year 1922. *Inter alia* it discloses that:—

229 actions were instituted in Original Jurisdiction as against 271 in 1921. Of 59 which actually came to trial 24 were disposed of during the year. The claims amounted to \$1,893,921.98 and the fees collected came to \$11,073.35 as against \$12,724.20 in 1921.

1689 actions were instituted in Summary Jurisdiction as against 1760 in 1921. The claims amounted to \$310,577.34 as against \$331,423.40 in 1921 and the fees collected came to \$5,733.35 as against \$2,953.50 in 1921.

There were 93 cases and 130 persons committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions, as against 58 and 77 respectively in 1921. The number of persons actually indicted was 123, of whom 101 were convicted and 22 were acquitted. Against 7 persons the case was abandoned. In 1921 the figures were respectively 73, 54, 19 and 4.

Two appeals were lodged during the year, both from the decisions of the Chief Justice. Of the appeals one was dismissed, and the other is pending.

Six Admiralty Jurisdiction actions were instituted during the year. Two were settled and the others are pending.

Thirteen Bankruptcy petitions were filed, 10 being creditors' petitions and 3 debtors' petitions. The figures for 1921 were respectively 10, 10 and 9.

The fees collected amounted to \$1,107.17 as against \$1,520.05 in 1921 and the Official Receiver's Commission as Trustee, where no Creditors had been appointed by the Court, was \$945.45 as against \$2,382.66 in 1921.

Probate and Estate Duties amounted to \$79,674.85 Court Fees to \$1,107.17 and Official Administration Commission to \$1,107.17.

The figures for 1922 were: Probate and Estate Duties \$79,674.85, Court Fees \$1,107.17, Official Administration Commission \$1,107.17.

**SUMMARY COURT.**

CHINESE FIRMS AT LAW.

In the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Gompert, the Cheong Lang Firm of 37 Ki Lung Street, Sham Shui Po, sued the Chan Wing Kee Firm of 133 Portland Street, Mongkok, to recover the sum of \$200, money paid to the defendants under a contract, whereby the defendants were to manufacture and deliver to the plaintiffs certain machines for making iron trunk fasteners, which were to be partly paid for before delivery to be made on January 25, 1923.

Defendants, according to plaintiffs' story, had failed to deliver the machines and had expressed their inability to fulfil the contract.

Mr. McCallum appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. Vaux for defendants.

Judgment had not been given when this edition went to press.

In another case the Kung Yick Lan Company sued the Sang Loong firm and Li tak and Leung Po (partners in the firm) for \$511.68, being balance due for chickens sold and supplied. Costs of the action were also claimed by the plaintiffs.

Mr. Arculli appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. Russ for the defendants.

(Proceeding)

respectively, \$332,319.95, \$12,296.00 and \$1,206.83.

The number of Trust Estates in the hands of the Official Trustee at the end of 1922 was 18 with Trust Funds amounting to \$1,107.17.

No cases were wound up during the year and no new trusts opened.

On the 31st December there were 243 companies in the Hongkong Register, of which 23 were in course of liquidation.



## KONGMOON MINES.

## NAVAL ACTION UNLIKELY.

## INTERNATIONAL LAW POSITION.

In connection with the wireless message from H.M.S. "Moorhen" regarding the mining of the entrance to Kongmoon, Junction Channel and West River, by Plover Island, particulars of which were published in last night's issue, a *China Mail* reporter called on Lieut-Commander Worthington (Secretary to the Commodore) this morning. The naval authorities have received the following message from H. M. Consulate-General at Canton, which is a translation of a notification appearing in the vernacular papers in Canton:

Headquarters announces that Ch'en Ts'e requests that all vessels both warships and merchant vessels be warned that he has laid mines in the West River at Plover Island, 20 Hei (Near Bamboo Islands, Kongmoon), 3 Ha' Saun Kong, (By Plover Islands), 4 Chu t'ae Shan, (By Forrester, R. K. Junction Bend), 5 Tung Ma Ning, (By First Cliffs, Junction Bend), 6 Sai Ma Ning, (N. W. end of Chan Lin Islands to Mainland), and at Eng Ko.

Asked whether the British naval authorities were likely to take any action, the Commodore's Secretary pointed out that it was one of the tenets of International Law that the country possessing land on both sides of a river *ipso facto* was owner of the river. It will thus be seen that the Chinese authorities are perfectly within their rights in laying the mines. Of course in the event of the mines proving a source of danger to British shipping, a protest might be lodged with the Peking Government on the instructions of the British Foreign Office. It is not known whether pilot ships are being provided by the Chinese authorities at Canton, nor whether any indication of the position of the mines has been furnished to H. M. Consulate-General at Canton as a guide to masters of ships trading along the routes mined.

The action of the Canton authorities is presumably as a precaution against attack from that portion of the Chinese Navy still loyal to Peking.

The Shanghai section of the Chinese fleet is said to have been bought over by General Lu Yun-hsiang, military governor of Chekiang province with his headquarters at Hangchow. This section has rebelled against Peking and assumed a neutral attitude. However, it is known that a certain portion of the navy remains loyal to the Northern militarists. At present these units are believed to be in Hankow waters. It is to provide against this danger, probably, that the mines have been laid.

## WITH RED CHEEK.

## DRESSED AS GHOST.

## PRIVATE DETECTIVE'S CLAIM.

The trials and tribulations of a private detective who was said to have been engaged to secure evidence in a prospective divorce case, were told in the Rockhampton (N.S.W.) police court.

The case was one in which Edward Nathan Hart sought to recover from Carl Leopold Schmoeckel, £14 for services rendered as a private detective. The story of plaintiff was to the effect that he was to watch defendant's house in company with defendant, and ascertain the movements of the latter's wife. On one occasion defendant was disguised as a nun. On following occasions defendant dressed as a ghost with a fearsome red gash painted on his cheek. Another time he made up as a prepossessing girl. These nocturnal visits were evidently known to defendant's wife. One night it was said a revolver, loaded with a soap bullet was fired. Thereafter defendant was more careful. While Hart was creeping up to the house one night, defendant threw stones towards the house, but his pitch was short, and Hart got hit with two stones. Defendant disappeared into the darkness.

When Hart saw defendant next day he said the job was no good to him. He said he wanted payment in full at the rate of £1 a night.

Plaintiff stated in evidence, that so far as he knew defendant's wife was very respectable. Defendant gave a general denial of the whole thing. He admitted engaging Hart for the purposes stated in consequence of something he had heard. He said he did not go to the house. In fantastic attire, though on one occasion he had a woman's skirt with him. His wife did not shoot at him. All he owed plaintiff had been paid. After further evidence the case was dismissed, with costs.

The 30th anniversary of the birth of Nicholas Copernicus, the Polish astronomer, was celebrated in Warsaw by a demonstration by the Workmen's University and a lecture by Prof. Krasowski.

## THE BOAT RACE.

(By Sir Phillip Gibbs.)

It is, of course, more than a boat race. It is a national tradition, a rite belonging to the old spirit of our folk, touched a little perhaps with the pagan ecstasy of the spring bound up with that love of outdoor life and sport where is our heritage as a people, and in our blood, however crushed down by the imprisonment of streets and officers and city life.

## THE CALL OF SPRING.

Yesterday the call of Spring and Youth was never heard more clearly on a day in March, it was answered by a great multitude which went streaming to the Thames by every kind of way. Across Putney Bridge there was one endless tide of omnibuses, motor-cars, and "taxis," and many hours before the race began the towing paths were densely packed. Above was a slate blue sky with fleecy clouds, and the sun shining through a thin haze made a golden pathway down the river. There was a glint of green in the bushes, and here and there were flowering trees and shrubs as though April had already come. The people made a patchwork of many colours because most of them carried streamers, or wore the rival blues, or floated toy balloons above their heads. Looking up to Putney Bridge, one saw that half the girls were wearing blue in their hats, and that flags were fluttering from the omnibuses.

The air was filled with queer sound, whistles were blowing, there was a musketry of rattles, and down below the Star and Garter on the Surrey side some brave fellow was blowing the bagpipes. Laughter and cheers came across the river in gusts on the quiet breeze. Overhead an aeroplane dived as it flew low with the sun on its wings.

Up the river came all manner of craft laden with sightseers, so that Old Thames came to life after the winter months. The "Hurlingham," crowded with rowing men of both Universities, lay alongside the "Viscount," where the Leander cap was visible in little bunches.

The Royalty seemed the ship of Old Blues and Dons, with their wives and daughters. Tugs from the lower Thames came to the upper river with roughlooking lads aboard. A queer little boat-shaped boat, called the Sabot, was passed by a motor-boat that leapt out of the water with a ruffle of spray like an angry swan.

Shortly before five the umpire's launch swept round the waiting steamers and took up position. One figure in it was recognised by the crowd on the banks and heartily cheered. It was Lord Balfour, beaming across the river as a man who loves old Thames, and youth, and English sport.

## THE START.

Oxford won the toss and chose the Surrey side. The tide was running very light. There was hardly a ripple on the water. It was Oxford's weather, said the experts.

The Dark Blues were first to paddle down stream to their station and an immense gust of cheering hailed them. In their boat they sat waiting impatiently, moving their arms and wrists a little. They looked magnificent, perfectly fit, and, I thought wonderfully confident. They smiled as they stared over to the cheering crowds, and then up to the lines of heads on Putney Bridge. Only stroke looked a little nervous and highly strung.

The Cambridge crew followed down a minute later, on the Middlesex side.

"Nothing to choose between them!" said the old expert by my side.

"I'm not so sure!" said a young man with a dark blue comfellow in his buttonhole. "They look devilish nervous. The most exaggerated nervous!"

"Rubbish. I never saw victory so visible. It's a perfect eight!"

The Dark Blues were throwing jerseys into a rowing boat alongside. One of the jerseys had a wetting, and there was a laugh from the crew. I liked that laugh. It came from men sure of themselves.

A flag dipped, a siren called. They were off, with a flash of blades. Cambridge seemed to get away quicker, led a little. Oxford was more leisurely with what looked like a longer stroke. A THRILLING EXPERIENCE. Our steamer went after them, in the wake of the empire's launch, but not so fast as those two boats, making a wonderful pace. It was the first time I have followed like that, and a thrilling experience. The drama of it seemed to rush at us—those vast crowds waving, shouting, clapping, making a picture like a "move" passing before one's eyes on a flickering screen, and those two boats in the pathway of the sun, with the rhythmic rise and fall of their oars which held one's eyes and made one's heart beat to its limit.

Oxford drew ahead. Oxford leads! "Come the shout. Not by much at first. Nothing in it!" said a man by my side.

Oxford was leading more, they were clear by Hamlet's Bridge, a length ahead at least before Barnes Bridge, if we could see clearly enough from our dis-

## STYLES IN SWEARING.

## POLICE COURT OATHS.

Among the archives—at the Sydney Police Court is a book that is never handled by the clerks or policemen. It is wrapped in many sheets of paper, which may not be unfolded by any but a Mohametan.

This book is a copy of the Koran, and on it Mohametan witnesses swear to tell the truth. When it is required it is taken from its wrappings by the interpreter.

The witness places his right hand flat upon the Koran and his left hand on his forehead, and then brings his forehead down upon the book. After looking at it for some time he declares that he is bound to tell the truth. The interpreter closes the book and wraps it up himself before it is put away again.

Most of the people called as witnesses in the courts take the usual Christian oath by swearing on the Bible to tell "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." Now and then, however, there comes a witness who takes the oath in a manner strange to those who do not subscribe to his religious beliefs. A Jew is sworn on the Pentateuch—the first five books of the Old Testament—in the same manner as a Christian, except that that he keeps his hat on while the oath is being administered.

## COVENANTER'S VOW.

A Scotch Covenanter, instead of taking the oath in the usual way, holds up his right hand while the Bible is open before him, and says: "According to the religion I profess, and as I consider an oath binding upon my conscience—and I shall answer to God at the Great Day of Judgment—I will speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

The strangest oath of all is that taken by a Chinese. He can choose either of three methods of being sworn—he can blow out a match, smash a saucer, or cut off a rooster's head! The first method, because of its greater convenience, is generally employed.

The interpreter strikes a wax match and, handing it to the witness, tells him if he does not tell the truth his soul will be extinguished, like the light. The witness signifies his assent by blowing out the match.

If the possibility of an extinguished soul is not sufficient to keep a Chinese on the straight and narrow path of truth, he must bring along his own saucer or Shanghai rooster, as he prefers.

Saucer-breaking is uncommon, and roosters are beheaded only on very rare occasions. At Gunnedah a wealthy Chinese appeared in the court in Oriental robes, with a rooster under his arm. When his turn came to give evidence he produced a sharp knife and executed the bird as neatly as it could have been done in a guillotine.

Another oath that seems peculiar to Christians is that insisted upon by some Hindoos. Occasionally one appears who demands to be sworn on the water of the Ganges, their sacred river. The Hindoo who wishes to be sworn in this way must drink a little of the water.

This, also, is a type of oath that is rarely administered, but there is no shortage of Ganges water when the occasion requires it. A tumblerful is produced with suspicious promptness.—*Sydney Sun*.

ance behind. It was not easy to see by how much Oxford led. We could not see what any one man was doing, but could count the beat of the stroke, thirty-two, thirty-four.

"God!" said a low voice. "Cambridge is spurring. What pluck!" A little later he said again "That's pluck!"

There was silence for a few moments on our steamer. A man was breathing hard in front of me. "By heaven, it's a great race!" said someone.

Oxford was still leading, but not by much, not by much. Overhead an aeroplane was following, crossing and re-crossing the river.

"Who wins?" asked an excited young gentleman. "The Light Blue are drawing close."

Not close enough, though, with a tremendous effort at the end.

A rocket went straight up into the sky, and a red light dropped down to the purple highway of the river.

Oxford had won by three-quarters of a length.

A tumult of cheers, swept along both banks, minute after minute, while sixteen men lay over their oars.

A voice through a megaphone was speaking in deep tones, which came over the water. "Oxford won!" The sun was red now in a darkening sky, in which the oars were touched with tints of gold. It was the end of a great day in English sport, and the crowd moved away from fields and rivers with a sense of the undying tradition of Englishmanhood in victory or defeat, when the game is well played.

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## WILL WAVES.

## LOVE AND THE DIGESTION.

## PRICE OF PREJUDICE.

Surprising things were told by a graceful lady, with white, expressive hands, at the Queen's Hall in Melbourne recently. She was Miss Clara Codd, from the Theosophical Society in England.

"We never get an ounce of vitality from what we eat," she declared. "Vitality comes to us from sound and light and air through a part of the body that specialises in it—the spleen."

She then mentioned those physical vapours who, sitting beside you, can absorb your vitality. "A successful disease was," she thought, a magnetic healer. Nurses had to be particularly strong, because magnetism drained from them. The hands and eyes were the most vital and magnetic things of the body.

"Our psychic body permeates the physical body," she said. "Why else should people crossed in love sometimes become very ill?"

A doctor that she knew had experimented upon a soldier who had been wounded, so that the digestive organs could be watched.

When he was worried, the digestive juices did not flow properly. An American doctor, whom she knew had made a practice of taking drops of blood at various times from a patient in a sanatorium. He found the chemical constituents of the blood stream altered under the influence of different emotions.

"When you become a prey of fixed ideas or prejudice," she warned her audience, "you really get in that inner psychic body a block in the circulation comparable to a clot on the brain."

## ILLITERACY IN CHINA.

## WHAT THE NEW PHONETIC SCRIPT CAN DO.

Until quite recently the work of typesetting in China has required a remarkable memory and considerable labour, for men thus employed have been faced with the necessity of handling some 40,000 different characters, or ideographs, as they are called. Thousands of little compartments have contained the desired symbols and the position of each must be remembered and later replaced for further use, says the *Christian Science Monitor*.

China, it will be recalled, became a republic rather more than a decade ago. Soon thereafter, at the initiative of the Government, a conference was convened in Peking, to take up consideration of the subject of a phonetic alphabet of the Chinese language, in the hope that a common pronunciation might further education.

As a result, the national phonetic syllabary was evolved. This script, to-day, constitutes a reorganized medium of intercourse in China's various provinces and brings a literate China at least within reach of thought.

It was not the purpose of the originators of this script entirely to do away with the ancient ideographs, these characters which conveyed ideas by symbols instead of letters, but rather it was hoped to interpret them to those many millions who under the old regime had never learned to read or write and who stood no chance of ever doing so.

To-day this simpler Chinese written speech is being taught in all the schools of China under Government control as well as in the mission institutions, and is finding ready acceptance. Mandarin, it should be recalled, is the dialect

spoken in the greater part of China, but only about five per cent of the Chinese have been able to read or write it. Ninety per cent, it is hoped, will soon be able to enjoy to some extent at least the benefits of education through this new script medium.

The phonetic syllabary looks to the accomplishment of a common speech in China, with the national arousing of human sympathies and unfolding of social relations consequent thereto. Not that in the years gone by there has not been in one sense a common language in China, but this was to the eye and not to the ear.

The same ideograph, that is to say, has had perhaps a half dozen sounds in various sections of the country, as distinct as if they were completely different words. It is no wonder, therefore, that this new movement is regarded with constantly increasing interest by many Chinese men of affairs who see therein a factor of primary importance in the larger development of their country.

Before the achievement of the Peking conference other attempts had been made to launch a similar reform, none of which, however, met with any marked success. In the quarter century prior to 1911, when China became a republic, that is to say, various systems had been propounded, but they did not have the necessary backing to insure their general acceptance.

Now, however, the National Board of Education of China has given its unqualified approval to the system and has authorized the distribution of textbooks in all the primary schools in which the phonetic script is taught. It has withal recommended its use in all the schools.

Incidentally, phonetic script is read down the line from top to bottom and across the page from right to left, just as is the case with the Chinese ideographs. Many

in many, in fact in most, cases at the present time, they are placed parallel to the regular Chinese characters.

Without a doubt, in approving the adoption of this new medium, the Government was aiming at the attainment of the standardization of the spoken language of China. It also had in view the achievement of an easier recording of the spoken tongue and the expansion of monosyllabic to polysyllabic language.

To further this reform, and as a natural product of it, there has been invented a typesetting machine for this new script, which reduces a thousandfold the effort of setting type by hand. It is a linotype and should aid in rapidly revolutionizing the lives and mental processes of millions of Orientals.

Interestingly enough, when the conference of Chinese scholars agreed on a standard pronunciation of considerably more than 5000 characters and adopted thirty-nine symbols as a phonetic alphabet, it voted down the use of Roman letters, adopting instead simple strokes taken from the Chinese dictionary.

It is not expected by even the most enthusiastic advocates of this new system that it will lead to the complete abandonment of the use of written Chinese ideographs, for it will be remembered that the adoption in Japan of a simplified type of writing has not resulted in any loss of the ancient written language of that country.

Soon it is hoped that there will be appearing in this new script all kinds of literature. After the introduction and acceptance of the phonetic script, the early mission schools, the daily newspaper, and the end who can





Dolores Dixon, the 19-year-old girl who has entered suit for \$50,000 against Babe Ruth, base ball idol, alleging he is the father of her expected child. Ruth, whose wife is standing by him loyally, has announced his intention of fighting the case to a finish, asserting he has never even seen the girl.



F.N. Littleton.

Charged with accepting bribes and with being the leader of a ring negotiating the sale of bogus naturalization papers.



James T. Dege.

Considered the most likely Republican "whip" in the next session of Congress.



Fred Ireland.

The death has taken place of Fred Ireland, dean of the official reporters in America's House of Representatives and one of the most expert stenographers in the world.



Baroness von Kuhlman.

Captain John Freeman-Mitford joined the British forces as soon as the war broke out. Immediately his German wife, one of the richest women in the world, secured a divorce on the grounds of incompatibility and married the German Baron von Kuhlman. Now Captain Freeman-Mitford is seeking to have her divorce decree set aside.



A.H. Penfield.

Cashier of the Springfield National Bank who twice attempted suicide following the closing of the bank. Some \$600,000 worth of bonds, owned by the bank, are missing.



Mrs. Jessie Myers and Mrs. Bertha Hauschild with a baby.

Only 31 years old, Mrs. Jessie Myers is a grandmother. She is shown here with her daughter, Mrs. Bertha Blanche Hauschild, 15, and the latter's daughter, Evelyn.



Karl Radek (above). M. Kamenev (below).

Owing to the illness of Nikolai Lenin, Russian Soviet Premier, changes are looming in the Soviet Government. M. Kamenev, Lenin's right-hand man for years may assume the Premiership, with Karl Radek, one of the shrewdest and most cynical of the revolutionary leaders, as his adviser.



Benito Mussolini.

Benito Mussolini, Italy's Fascisti Premier, is a keen sportsman, as well as athlete and horseman. He is also an experienced aviator.



Commodore Jarvis.

Commodore Jarvis, of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, has entered his schooner yacht "Haswell" in the New York-to-Bermuda race, to be sailed next month. At least 20 yachts are expected to compete.

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